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# **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY**



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### NORTH DAKOTA

**(Grand Forks) Rescue mission complete: Plows clear path through storm for stranded travelers, Sheriff.** Walsh County Sheriff Lauren Wild was stranded along Interstate 29 east of Grafton for about six hours during a blizzard Monday night while attempting to rescue a pair of travelers.

<http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/content/rescue-mission-complete-plows-clear-path-through-storm-stranded-travelers-sheriff>

**( Fargo) Cass emergency manager describes worries about massive derailment inside Fargo city limits.** What if the fiery Casselton derailment on Dec. 30 had not happened a half-mile west of the small town but in the heart of downtown Fargo? That's the sobering – and difficult – question Cass County Emergency Manager Dave Rogness tried to answer Tuesday at NDSU.

[http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/430983/publisher\\_ID/1/](http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/430983/publisher_ID/1/)

**(Forman) Sargent County officials find county worker passed out at controls of road grader; sheriff frustrated he wasn't told.** Sargent County Sheriff Travis Paeper says he wishes his office would have been called last week when county officials touring highway construction sites came across a county worker who was passed out behind the controls of a road grader idling in the middle of County Road 1 near Milnor. <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/431086/>

**(Minot) Health Department Continues To Investigate Hepatitis Outbreak.** Two victims have now been named in the class action lawsuit against a Minot care facility. But, despite legal action against ManorCare, the department says they are still searching through evidence for the source.

<http://www.kmot.com/story/25158714/health-department-searches-for-outbreak-cause?autoStart=true&topVideoCatNo=default&clipId=10016899>

**(North Dakota) North Dakota getting more border patrol agents.** U.S. Rep. Kevin Cramer says North Dakota is getting more border patrol agents at crossings in Pembina and Portal. [http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/north-dakota-getting-more-border-patrol-agents/article\\_00bab3d6-ba6b-11e3-bd6d-001a4bcf887a.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/north-dakota-getting-more-border-patrol-agents/article_00bab3d6-ba6b-11e3-bd6d-001a4bcf887a.html)

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### REGIONAL

**(Montana)** Malta High cancels school Wednesday after bomb threat. Malta High School in Montana cancelled classes April 2 due to a bomb threat, and officials reported that classes should resume April 3.

[http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/malta-high-cancels-school-wednesday-after-bomb-threat/article\\_9c785279-fd98-5382-943c-f1b851bea9dc.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/malta-high-cancels-school-wednesday-after-bomb-threat/article_9c785279-fd98-5382-943c-f1b851bea9dc.html)

**(Wyoming)** Investigators call in arson specialists for Mills plastic fire; cause remains unknown. About 8 million pounds of plastic tubing was damaged by a March 27 fire in a plastic-containing lot at WL Plastics in Mills, Wyoming, causing an estimated \$8 million to \$10 million in damage. No injuries were reported and no structures were damaged. [http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/investigators-call-in-arson-specialists-for-mills-plastic-fire-cause/article\\_95d03be1-d09f-588d-8a97-a5d8f388c1e2.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/investigators-call-in-arson-specialists-for-mills-plastic-fire-cause/article_95d03be1-d09f-588d-8a97-a5d8f388c1e2.html)

**(Wisconsin)** No injuries reported in Monroe ethanol plant fire. Authorities are investigating the cause of a fire and related damage after crews responded to the Badger State Ethanol plant in Monroe April 1 due to a blaze that occurred while workers were cleaning and doing routine maintenance.

[http://host.madison.com/news/local/crime\\_and\\_courts/no-injuries-reported-in-monroe-ethanol-plant-fire/article\\_6fff1c93-5365-5d44-9b77-ba8f08a1ec3e.html](http://host.madison.com/news/local/crime_and_courts/no-injuries-reported-in-monroe-ethanol-plant-fire/article_6fff1c93-5365-5d44-9b77-ba8f08a1ec3e.html)

**(Montana)** Drivers face long detours after I-90 landslide. Part of Interstate 90 westbound between mile markers seven and eight near Lookout Pass remained closed March 31 due to a landslide March 30 that prompted the Montana Highway Patrol to create several detours that added an extra 60 to 70 miles for drivers. <http://www.ktvq.com/news/drivers-face-long-detours-after-i-90-landslide/>

### NATIONAL

**(National)** GM recalls 1.3 million cars for power steering defect already fixed once. General Motors announced March 31 that it is recalling 1.3 million Chevrolet, Saturn, and Pontiac vehicles from model years between 2004 and 2010 due to faulty power steering units. The defect was the target of a previous recall

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that included a smaller amount of vehicles equipped with the faulty units.  
<https://autos.yahoo.com/blogs/motoramic/gm-recalls-1-6-million-cars-for-power-steering-defect-already-fixed-once-205009529.html>

### **INTERNATIONAL**

**(International)** **US secretly built 'Cuban Twitter' to stir unrest.** The U.S. government masterminded the creation of a “Cuban Twitter” - a communications network designed to undermine the communist government in Cuba - built with secret shell companies and financed through foreign banks.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/world/us-secretly-built-cuban-twitter-to-stir-unrest/article5867735.ece>

**(International)** **Middle Eastern hackers use remote access trojan to infect 24,000 machines worldwide.** Researchers at Symantec reported finding 487 groups actively using the njRAT remote access trojan (RAT) for malicious uses, with around 24,000 machines infected worldwide. Symantec reported that most attacks using njRAT originate in the Middle East and that the majority of the RAT’s command and control servers are located in the Middle East and North Africa.

<http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2337382/middle-eastern-hackers-use-remote-access-trojan-to-infect-24-000-machines-worldwide>

### **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**(International)** **Two U.S. hackers admit to international cyber crime in N.J. court.** Two New York men pleaded guilty April 1 in federal court in New Jersey to their roles in an international cybercrime and bank fraud ring that hacked into several financial services businesses and institutions and attempted to steal around \$15 million by diverting funds to accounts and payment cards that they controlled. The alleged leaders of the ring are Ukrainian citizens and remain at large.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/01/usa-crime-cybercrime-idUSL1N0MT23O20140401>

### **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

**(Missouri)** **Anhydrous ammonia leak in Platte Co. capped.** A broken valve on an 800-gallon tank located in a Platte County field caused anhydrous ammonia to

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leak for nearly 1 hour March 28 before crews were able to cap the valve. Nearby roadways were closed and evacuations were recommended for those within a half-mile radius of the tank during the incident.

<http://www.kshb.com/news/local-news/crews-respond-to-anhydrous-ammonia-leak-in-platte-co>

### **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**(Texas) Spec's falls victim to network attack, customer information**

**compromised at dozens of stores.** The Houston-based Spec's wine and liquor store chain announced March 28 that a security breach exposed some personal data, such as check and payment card information, of customers who shopped at 34 of its Texas stores between October 2012 and March 2014. The company is investigating the attack and has taken steps to mitigate the issue.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/houston/news/2014/03/28/specs-falls-victim-to-network-attack-customer.html>

**(New York) 'Small gas leaks' found near site of Harlem building explosion.** The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board released a preliminary report about a March 12 explosion that collapsed 2 apartment buildings in the Harlem area of New York City and left 8 people dead and dozens more injured. The new report states that leak testing found an unspecified number of small gas leaks below the pavement. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2014/04/01/small-gas-leaks-found-near-site-of-harlem-building-explosion/>

### **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

**Nothing Significant to Report**

### **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**(International) Hackers can unlock Tesla cars by stealing owners' passwords.** A security researcher reported that the password created by Tesla car owners can be easily obtained via brute force attacks due to it only containing six letters and numbers, allowing attackers to track the location of Tesla cars or unlock the door locks remotely. The remote management API also may share credentials with

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untrusted third parties that could also lead to security issues.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Can-Unlock-Tesla-Cars-by-Stealing-Owners-Passwords-434979.shtml>

**(National) GM adding 971,000 vehicles to ignition recall.** General Motors announced March 28 that it is adding 971,000 vehicles to a previous recall concerning defective ignition switches that can turn off and cut power to vehicles. The recall expansion covers several Chevrolet, Pontiac, and Saturn vehicles from model years 2003-2007 that may have had defective ignition parts installed during repairs. <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/gm-adding-824000-vehicles-ignition-recall-23106921>

**(International) Dyson recalls bladeless portable electric heaters due to fire hazard.** Dyson announced a recall of around 393,000 Dyson Hot and Dyson Hot+Cool bladeless heaters in the U.S. and Canada due to the heaters' potential to develop an electrical short and overheat, posing a fire hazard. <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Dyson-Recalls-Bladeless-Portable-Electric-Heaters/>

**(International) Hussong Manufacturing and American Flame recall three gas fireplaces, fireplace inserts due to explosion hazard.** Hussong Manufacturing announced a recall of around 15,770 Kozy Heat Ambiance and Stellar Hearth gas fireplaces and fireplace inserts in the U.S. and Canada due to an issue that could allow the control module to allow gas to be released, posing an explosion hazard. <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Hussong-Manufacturing-and-American-Flame-Recall-Three-Gas-Fireplaces-and-Fireplace-Inserts/>

## **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

**Nothing Significant to Report**

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(New Mexico) Albuquerque police website under cyberattack.** The Albuquerque Police Department reported that its Web site was down for several hours March 30 due to a cyberattack, and the department continued to investigate the incident while IT personnel worked to resolve the disruption.

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<http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/albuquerque-police-website-under-cyberattack>

**(New York) Wet cable causes 911 problems.** An underground Verizon phone cable serving the sheriff's department, its communications center, and other offices became wet and malfunctioned March 30, causing 5 out of 10 emergency phone lines for Saratoga County to stop working. Crews worked March 31 to repair the line while 9-1-1 calls were rerouted.

<http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Wet-cable-causes-911-problems-5362901.php>

### **ENERGY**

**(Washington) Blast rocks Washington gas plant; 5 workers hurt.** An explosion at the Williams Northwest Pipeline natural gas processing facility near Plymouth, Washington, left 5 workers injured and prompted the voluntary evacuation of roughly 400 people from nearby homes and farms while the plant emitted a cloud of black smoke March 31. The explosion sparked a fire and punctured one of the facility's liquefied natural gas storage tanks, allowing a small amount of gas to leak to a containment area.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2014/03/31/4030349/1-hurt-in-natural-gas-blast-at.html>

**(California) PG&E criminally charged in fatal pipeline blast.** Federal prosecutors charged Pacific Gas & Electric Co., April 1 with 12 felony violations of federal pipeline safety laws, alleging that the company knowingly relied on erroneous and incomplete information when assessing the safety of a natural gas pipeline that ruptured, caused a fire, and destroyed 38 homes in San Bruno in 2010.

<http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/pgande-criminally-charged-in-fatal-pipeline-blast>

### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**(National) GSK recalls weight-loss drug Alli in U.S. on tampering concerns.**

GlaxoSmithKline issued a recall of all supplies of its non-prescription weight loss drug Alli, from U.S. and Puerto Rico retailers after consumers in 7 States reported finding tablets and capsules that were not the product in some bottles. The

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company is working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to investigate the tampered products. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/27/us-gsk-alli-idUSBREA2Q12K20140327>

**(National) Macadamia nut allergy alert and voluntary recall of 15-count boxes of Chocolate Chunk LUNA® Bars due to package mislabeling.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that Cliff Bar & Company voluntarily recalled 15-count boxes of its Chocolate Chunk LUNA Bars due to mislabeling and undeclared macadamia nuts. <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm390934.htm>

### **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(Texas) Gunman kills 3, wounds 16 at Fort Hood Army base.** Three U.S. Army service members were killed and 16 others were injured April 2 when a war veteran opened fire at the Fort Hood military base in Texas when he apparently walked into a building, began firing his semi-automatic pistol, and continued firing after driving to and entering another building. The shooter was confronted by military police in a parking lot before shooting and killing himself. <http://news.msn.com/us/gunman-kills-3-wounds-16-at-fort-hood-army-base>

**(Kansas) Cyber attacks paralyze state math and reading tests.** The Kansas Department of Education confirmed April 1 that attackers began using distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks March 27 targeting the State's testing platform operated by the University of Kansas' Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation in order to hinder annual math and reading tests. Testing was temporarily put on hold while authorities worked to mitigate another DDoS attack. <http://cjonline.com/news/2014-04-01/cyber-attacks-paralyze-state-math-and-reading-tests>

**(Pennsylvania) Pitt-Johnstown services reopen after several falls ill.** The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown resumed normal operations March 30 after several students were reportedly sickened March 28 with what was suspected to be norovirus. The university suspended all campus social events and closed its dining facilities while disinfecting all academic buildings. <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2014/03/30/University-of-Pittsburgh-at-Johnstown-to-resume-normal-operations/stories/201403300253>

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## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**(International) FTC settles with Fandango, Credit Karma over SSL issues in mobile apps.** Fandango and Credit Karma agreed to a settlement with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) after the FTC charged that both companies deliberately misrepresented the security of their mobile apps and created apps that failed to validate SSL certificates. The companies are required by the settlement to submit to independent security audits for the next 20 years and to create comprehensive security programs. <http://threatpost.com/ftc-settles-with-fandango-credit-karma-over-ssl-issues-in-mobile-apps/105128>

**(International) CryptoDefense ransomware leaves decryption key accessible.** Symantec researchers analyzed the CryptoDefense encryption ransomware and found that the decryption key needed to undo the malware's file encryption is also left on the victim's computer, potentially allowing victims to decrypt the files held for ransom themselves. [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9247348/CryptoDefense\\_ransomware\\_leaves\\_decryption\\_key\\_accessible](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9247348/CryptoDefense_ransomware_leaves_decryption_key_accessible)

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**(National) FDA approves easy-to-use heroin overdose antidote.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved April 3 an antidote for individuals in cases of heroin or opioid overdoses. Doctors may prescribe the device, which automatically injects the right dose of naloxone, to family members or caregivers to keep on hand. <http://news.msn.com/us/fda-approves-easy-to-use-heroin-overdose-antidote>

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**Nothing Significant to Report**

## **WATER AND DAMS**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center**: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio**: 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)**: 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol**: 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst**: 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI**: 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI**: 701-232-7241.

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